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**Subject: Docket Number FAA-2003-14973 - Construction or Alteration in the
Vicinity of the Private Residence of the President of the United States**

To Whom It May Concern:

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Docket Number FAA-2003-14973 is one that should not be passed. While I understand the reasoning behind the rule, I feel that in the big picture of things, there is not enough foundation behind this rule to validate it being passed. The next presidential election is a year away and what exactly would be the point in passing this rule for a president who may or may not be in office much longer.

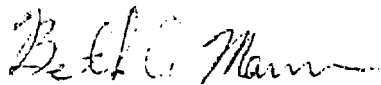
Air Force One and its entourage should be able to land anywhere no matter what the obstacles may be. It is stated that there are many locations around the presidents home area for Air Force One and the other planes to land, I do not think that any buildings will be built quick enough to harm or in any way endanger the life of the president. This rule may not have any impact upon the international or national trade agreements, but it might have an unforeseen impact upon local residents in the president's home area. They might need a business to come in the area to bring more jobs there and if that company cannot build higher than 50 feet they might decide to take their plans elsewhere, thereby harming the economy in that area.

Also stating that this is a national security issue is in my opinion overreacting. While I like the current president and would like him in the office for another term, I feel that to make all of these changes to protect his life, in the end harms

the lives of the people who voted to put him into office. While I do not like for any person to die, we must realize that what we need to protect is the office and symbol of the President of the United States, not the man who holds that position for possibly only another year. By passing this rule now, are we stating that we will pass a rule like it for every president from now on? If we are not prepared to do that then why pass this rule once for this man? What makes him any different from the past presidents or even from the ones to come?

In conclusion, though I have not covered all the different points commented on in the Docket, I do not agree with what is suggested and feel that it should not be passed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Beth A. Mann". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Beth A Mann